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The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman  
The Honorable Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner  
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner  
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Southwest  
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

I am writing to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance (“CAPA”) and to oppose the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC’s September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in *Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*, MB Docket 05- 311.

I work for a Community Action Agency in the area and we depend on PEG channels to get information to the public on the programs we administer in the community. I also watch government meetings for information about the community and election results specific to my area.

There are so many reasons I value and depend on my local access PEG channels – offering classes to learn the equipment is invaluable to me and my colleagues. We use Public Access PEG channels to make sure the public is informed of deadlines for specific programs and also when they begin in the community. Our clients depend on this information in order to know when to apply for the programs and services we offer as a non-profit agency.

I’ve had clients tell me that they did not know of some of the services we offer but was glad to find out through Public Access PEG channels. PEG channels are one of our most important resources in the area and I urge you to consider all the individuals that would be affected by the loss of our important resource here. I implore you to consider who uses the services and needs information in the community – the public! And, government meetings must be televised for the folks that are unable to get to the meeting in person. Most of us want to know what is being voted on or is being introduced as a new program or incentive and this information coming from PEG channels is of utmost importance in keeping me and the public informed.

Please know that the community finds PEG channels deliver the information we need for our community and we depend on them. I will be watching to see that you take the right and correct action and keep PEG channels as they are and continue to educate and entertain us.

Promoting such diversity of views and information through local PEG programming was one of congress' specific stated intents of the Cable Act. The FCC's proposed FNPRM goes against this stated intent, and would force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels, which would cripple and very likely eliminate the PEG channels in most communities across the country, since most cities will not be able to afford the loss in fees. The loss of franchise fees would also eliminate the main source of operational funding for PEG channels in most communities. This has never been the way the law worked for decades and was never the intent of the Act.

We appreciate your consideration and urge the FCC to protect PEG channels and funding in our community and others by choosing not to adopt the Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making.

Sincerely,

Diane Stamper